

REMARKS

Based on a telephone conversation with the Examiner, Applicants file the enclosed second supplemental response to the pending office action. First, Applicants amend claims 14 and 15 to remove any potential clarity issues.

Second, Applicants provide examples of support in the specification for claims 14-16. Claim 14 recites the following:

wherein the reporting means adds, to the email, the information indicating that the addressee is within the trial period and indicating that if this email were received outside of the trial period, the email would not be delivered.

Figure 24 of the present application and associated text provide one example of the support for claim 14. Other examples may also be present in the current application.

Figure 24 is reproduced below:

FIG. 24

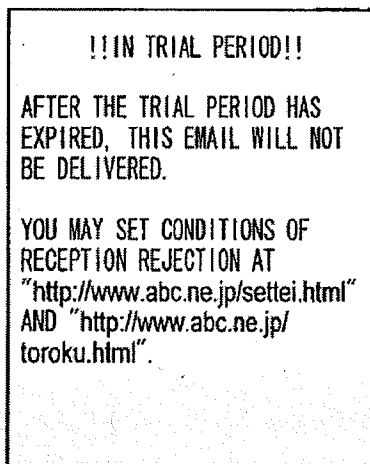


Figure 24 shows the added information to the e-mail, including:

- (1) "information indicating that the addressee is within the trial period" – see "!!IN TRIAL PERIOD!!"; and
- (2) information "indicating that if this email were received outside of the trial period, the email would not be delivered" – see "AFTER THE TRIAL PERIOD HAS EXPIRED, THIS EMAIL WILL NOT BE DELIVERED".

See also paragraph [0111] of the published application.

Claim 15 recites the following:

wherein the reporting means adds, to the email, the information indicating that the addressee is within the trial period and indicating that if this email were received outside of the trial period, the email would be delivered.

Figure 23 of the present application and associated text provide one example of the support for claim 15. Other examples may also be present in the current application.

Figure 23 is reproduced below:

FIG. 23

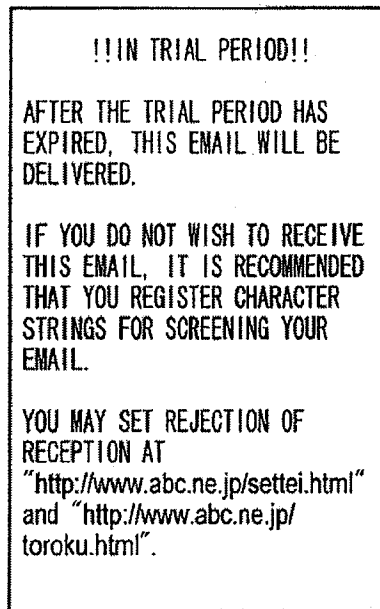


Figure 23 shows the added information to the e-mail, including:

- (1) "information indicating that the addressee is within the trial period" – see "!!IN TRIAL PERIOD!!"; and
- (2) information "indicating that if this email were received outside of the trial period, the email would not be delivered" – see "AFTER THE TRIAL PERIOD HAS EXPIRED, THIS EMAIL WILL BE DELIVERED".

See also paragraph [0111] of the published application.

Claim 16 recites the following:

wherein the reporting means further add to the email information indicating a link for adding screening data for screening the email.

Figures 23 and 24 of the present application (reproduced above) and associated text provide examples. Other examples may also be present in the current application. As

shown in Figures 23 and 24, the "information indicating a link for adding screening data for screening the email" is added to the email may include:

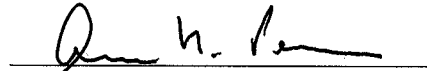
Figure 23 "YOU MAY SET REJECTION OF RECEPTION AT
"http://www.abc.ne.jp/settei.html" and "http://www.abc.ne.jp/toroku.htm."

Figure 24 "YOU MAY SET CONDITIONS OF RECEPTION REJECTION AT
"http://www.abc.ne.jp/settei.html" and "http://www.abc.ne.jp/toroku.htm."

See also paragraph [0111] of the published application.

If any questions arise or issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite disposition of this application.

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